

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masato HIGASHI

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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure

Customer Number: 20277

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Examiner: Samuel G. Rimell

For: DISK SYSTEM AND METHOD OF UPDATING FIRMWARE

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 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached: Petition for Extension of Time

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	20	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	5	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented				\$0.00	
Fee for extension of time				\$450.00	
				\$0.00	
Total of Above Calculations				\$450.00	

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$450.00.
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Respectfully submitted,

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